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SENATE BILL 617

By Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to elementary and secondary education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-902, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) Any parent who does not have custody of a child, or in the case of parents having joint custody of a child, the parent not residing with the child, or in the case of a child in the custody of a legal guardian, both parents, may request in writing that a copy of the child's report card, notice of school attendance, names of teachers, class schedules, standardized test scores and any other records customarily available to parents be furnished directly to such noncustodial or nonresident parent, and such request shall be accompanied by the parent's or parents' current mailing address and the local education agency shall send a copy of the report card, notice of school attendance, names of teachers, class schedules, standardized test scores and any other records customarily available to parents to such address. For purposes of this section "parent" means any natural or adoptive parent whose rights as parent have not been terminated pursuant to Section 37-1-147.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2202(c), is amended by deleting that subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(c) Upon appropriate approval by the state board of education, the commission shall publish such a list of textbooks for use in the schools of Tennessee not later than March 1 of any year when listings are made or there are changes to be reported. The list shall contain the title of the textbook listed for adoption, the names of the publishers and the prices at which such books are available, as provided for in this chapter.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.